

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE
DISTRICT AND NORTHERN DEVISION IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT ALA

BARRY RANDAL THOMAS
PLAINTIFF, PRO SE

VS.

DR. DARBOUZE, NURSE WILSON,
WARDEN DAVENPORT
DEFENDANTS

:
: CIVIL ACTION No. 2:07CV630-MEF

MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

PLAINTIFF SUBMITS THIS MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
HIS MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION.

IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION SHOULD
ISSUE, A COURT MUST CONSIDER WHETHER THE PARTY SEEKING
THE INJUNCTION HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT: (1) IT HAS A REASON-
ABLE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS ON ITS MERITS OF THE UNDERLY-
ING CLAIM; (2) NO ADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW EXISTS; (3) IT
WILL SUFFER IRREPARABLE HARM IF THE INJUNCTION IS DE-
NIED; (4) THE IRREPARABLE HARM THE PARTY WILL SUFFER

WITHOUT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IS GREATER THAN THE HARM THE
 OPPOSING PARTY WILL SUFFER IF THE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
 IS GRANTED; AND (5) THE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION WILL NOT
 HARM THE PUBLIC INTEREST. TY. INC. V. JONES GROUP, INC.
237 F.3d 891, 895 (7th CIR. 2001); PLATINUM HOME MORT-
GAGE CORP. V. PLATINUM FIN. GROUP, INC. 149 F.3d 722, 726
(7th CIR. 1998).

I. THERE IS A REASONABLE LIKELIHOOD THAT PLAINTIFF WILL
 SUCCEED ON THE MERITS IN THIS CASE.

THE PLAINTIFF NEED ONLY DEMONSTRATE A "BETTER THAN NEGLIGIBLE
 CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING." COOPER V. SALAZAR, 196 F.3d 809,
813 (7th CIR. 1999). AN INMATE MUST RELY ON PRISON AUTHORITIES
 TO MEET HIS MEDICAL NEEDS; IF AUTHORITIES FAIL TO DO SO,
 THOSE NEEDS WILL NOT BE MET. ESTELLE V. GAMBLE, 429 U.S. 97,
103 (1976). THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT REQUIRES PRISON OFFICIALS
 TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INMATES. A MEDICAL
 NEED IS SERIOUS "WHEN EVEN A LAYPERSON WOULD RECOGNIZE
 THE NECESSITY FOR A DOCTOR'S ATTENTION" HILL V. DEKALB
REG'L YOUTH DET. CTR., 40 F.3d 1176, 1187 (11th CIR 1994). A

LAY PERSON IS SOMEONE WHO LACKS MEDICAL TRAINING, SUCH AS THE GUARDS WHO REFERRED THE PLAINTIFF TO H.C.U.. A SERIOUS MEDICAL NEED EXIST WHEN "THE FAILURE TO TREAT PRISONERS CONDITION COULD RESULT IN FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INJURY OR THE UNNECESSARY AND WANTON INFLECTION OF PAIN.

HARRISON V. BARKLEY, 219 F.3d 132, 136 (2ND CIR. 2000); GUTIERREZ

V. PETERS, 111 F.3d @ 1373; McGUCKIN V. SMITH, 974 F.2d 1050,

1059 (9TH CIR. 1992). THE PLAINTIFF HAS DETERIORATED FROM A POINT OF NORMAL AMBULATION TO A CONTORTED POSTURE; INABILITY TO AMBULATE, AND ACUTE AND CHRONIC PAIN PREVENTING HIM FROM ENGAGING IN MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.

CHANCE V. ARMSTRONG, 143 F.3d 698, 702 (2 CIR. 1998). CONDI-

TIONS SHOULD MEET AN "EVOLVING STANDARD OF DECENCY (THAT

IS AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF TREATMENT AND CARE GIVEN

MODERN MEDICINE, TECHNOLOGY, AND CURRENT BELIEFS OF HUMAN

DECENCY. TROP V. DULLES, 356 U.S. 86, 101, 18 S. CT. 590, 598, 21.

ED. 2d. 630 (1958). THE PLAINTIFF BEING CARRIED BY INMATES TO

AND FROM SICK CALL, PELL CALL, CHOW, AND LYING ON THE GROUND

FALL FAR SHORT OF DECENCY. A PRISON OFFICIAL CANNOT

HIDE BEHIND AN EXCUSE THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF A RISK, NO MATTER HOW OBVIOUS. BRECE V. VIRGINIA BEACH CORRECTIONAL CENTER, 58 F3d 101, 105. THE CAPT AND WARDEN BOTH INFERRD THAT PLAINTIFF SEEK INMATE ASSISTANCE IN AMBULATING TO NECESSARY LOCATIONS, WHILE STATING THEIR REFUSAL TO ASSIGN A PERSON OR MECHANICAL AID, THUS IGNORING A SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIAL RISK. DR. DARBOUZE HAS FAILED TO MAKE ANY DIAGNOSES IN THE CASE AND PLAINTIFF UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF NOTES THE DOCTOR'S FREQUENT REMARK THAT "NOTHING IS WRONG" AND THAT PLAINTIFF IS "FAKING". A MEDICAL OFFICIAL WITHOUT SPECIALIZED TRAINING SHOULD NOT MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT CONDITIONS THAT REQUIRE A SPECIALIST ATTENTION. HEMMINGS V. GORCZYK, 134 F3d 104, 109 (2d CIR. 1998); INMATES OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL V. PIERCE 612 F2d, 754, 762-3 (3 CIR. 1979); LE MARBLE V. WISNESKE, 266 F3d 429, 437-39 (6th CIR. 2001); JONES V. SIMER, 193 F3d 485, 490 (7 CIR. 1999); HOWELL V. EVANS, 922 F2d 712, 723 (11th CIR.) 931 F2d 711 (11th CIR.) (11 CIR. JUN. 24, 1991); WALDROP V. EVANS, 871 F2d 1030, 1036 (11 CIR. 1989). THE PLAINTIFF EXHIBITS WITH CLASSICAL

NEUROLOGICAL AND ORTHOPEDIC SYMPTOMATOLOGY. DARBOUZE IS NEITHER A SPECIALIST IN NEUROLOGY OR ORTHOPEDICS. DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE EXIST WHEN AN OFFICIAL CONTINUES WITH A COURSE OF TREATMENT " IN THE FACE OF RESULTANT PAIN AND RISK OF PERMANENT INJURY". WHITE V. NAPOLEAN, 897 F2d 103, 109-11 (3 CIR. 1990). EVERY TIME THE PLAINTIFF PRESENTED TO H.C.U. OR OFFICIALS HE WAS IN OBVIOUS PAIN AND WORSENING CONDITION. HE ALSO WROTE AND ORATED THE SAME TO THE DEFENDANTS ALL. A DEPRIVATION OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS VIOLATES THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT. THE PLAINTIFF COMPLAINED OF MISSING CHOW, PILL CALL AND CHURCH; INSOMNIA, BATHING WITH DIFFICULTY AND NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO TIE SHOES AT TIMES. HELLING V. MCKINNEY, 509 U.S. 25, 31-32 (1993). INTENTIONAL INFLECTION OF PAIN, DISCOMFORT, OR RISK OF HARM VIOLATES THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT. HOPE V. PELZER, 536 U.S. 730 (2002). AFTER PLAINTIFF OBVIOUSLY NEEDED A CRUTCH AND WHEELCHAIR AND GIVEN BOTH; BOTH WERE TAKEN AWAY CAUSING INTENTIONAL PAIN. FACTORS THAT SHOULD GUIDE ANALYSIS OF 8TH AMENDMENT VIOLATIONS ARE

(1) WHETHER A REASONABLE DOCTOR OR PATIENT WOULD PERCEIVE THE MEDICAL NEED IMPORTANT AND WORTHY OF COMMENT OR TREATMENT (2) MEDICAL CONDITION AFFECTS DAILY ACTIVITIES (3) THE EXISTENCE CHRONIC AND SUBSTANTIAL PAIN. BROCK V. WRIGHT 315 F3d 158, 162 (2 CIR 2003). THE PLAINTIFF MEETS ALL THREE CRITERIA. THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT IS VIOLATED WHEN FAILURE TO TREAT RESULTS IN PAIN, EVEN WITHOUT WORSENING THE PRISONERS CONDITION. BORETTE V. WISCOMB, 930 F2d 1150, 1154, (6 CIR 1991); ELIAS V. BUTLER, 890 F2d 1001, 1003 (8 CIR. 1989); WASHINGTON V. DUGGER, 860 F2d 1018, 1021 (11 CIR. 1988); H.C. V. JARRARD, 786 F2d 1080, 1083, 1086 (11 CIR. 1986). PLAINTIFF HAS CONTINUOUS SEVERE NEUROLOGICAL PAIN AND A WORSENING CONDITION. THE PHYSICIAN MUST INQUIRE SUFFICIENTLY TO MAKE A PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT. MILTEER V. BEORN, 896 F2d 848, 853 (4 CIR 1990). PLAINTIFF REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TEST FOR A DIAGNOSIS. JACKSON V. FAUVER, 334 F. SUPP. 2d 706, 728 (D.N.J. 2004). DEFENDANTS REFUSAL TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT THE PLAINTIFF AMOUNT TO DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE, VIOLATING THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT, THEREFORE PLAINTIFF IS

IS LIKELY TO SUCCEED ON MERITS OF HIS CASE.

II. PLAINTIFF FACES A SUBSTANTIAL THREAT OF IRREPARABLE HARM.

IRREPARABLE HARM WILL RESULT WITHOUT AN INJUNCTION.

THE PLAINTIFF IS IN A CONTORTED POSTURE, LOST MUSCULAR STRENGTH AND ATROPHIED, NEUROLOGICAL PAIN IN BACK AND LEGS, LOSS HIS ABILITY TO AMBULATE, CANNOT SIT DUE TO PAIN. THIS TYPE NEUROLOGICAL SPINAL INJURY WILL NOT CORRECT ITSELF.

WITHOUT AN INJUNCTION FOR TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS A LIKELY PROGNOSIS WOULD BE DETERIORATION TO PARTIAL PARALYSIS. SPINAL CORD AND DISC DAMAGE WILL LIKELY BE PERMANENT. TO MOVE BY INMATES ASSISTANCE AND/OR A MOP AS A CRUTCH IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN FURTHER DAMAGE.

ANY REMEDY AT LAW FOR PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES WOULD BE INADEQUATE. THE TERM "INADEQUATE" DOES NOT MEAN "WHOLLY INEFFECTUAL" BUT "SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT AS A REMEDY FOR THE HARM SUFFERED". ROLAND MACH. CO. V. DRESSER INDUS., INC.

749 F.2d 380, 386 (7 Cir. 1984). HERE, ANY AFTER THE FACT REMEDY FOR THE SERIOUS INJURIES PLAINTIFF IS SUFFERING

WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT. JOLLY V. COUGHLIN, 76 F.3d 468, 482 (2 Cir. 1996), FEDERAL STATUTES AND CASE LAW RESTRICT THE AVAILABILITY OF DAMAGES. PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IS THE APPROPRIATE MODE TO CORRECT THIS.

III. THE THREATENED HARM TO PLAINTIFF OUTWEIGHS ANY HARM THE INJUNCTION MAY CAUSE DEFENDANTS.

THE RELIEF THE PLAINTIFF SEEKS IS ESSENTIALLY AN ORDER COMPELLING DEFENDANTS TO PERFORM THEIR PRE-EXISTING DUTIES UNDER THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. FARMER, 511 U.S. @ 832-33. THE PROPOSED RELIEF IS NARROWLY TAILORED TO REMEDY THE ONGOING VIOLATION OF PLAINTIFF'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND TO PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF IRREPARABLE HARM IN THE FUTURE. 18 U.S.C. 362 (a), IT WILL NOT CAUSE DEFENDANTS ANY REAL HARM.

IV. THE PUBLIC INTEREST WILL NOT BE DISERVED BY A GRANT OF A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION.

PLAINTIFF ASKS PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION TO PROTECT HIS RIGHTS UNDER THE EIGHTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS. AS A GENERAL MATTER, THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS ALWAYS WELL SERVED BY PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ITS MEMBERS. REINERT

V. HAAS, 585 F. Supp. 477, 481 (S.D. Iowa 1984); SPARTACUS YOUTH LEAGUE V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 502 F. Supp. 789, 804 (N.D. Ill. 1980) (THE ULTIMATE PUBLIC INTEREST LIES IN THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ASSERTED BY PLAINTIFF.). THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS NOT SERVED BY SUBJECTING PLAINTIFF TO A DEPRIVATION OF A BASIC HUMAN NEED (MEDICAL CARE).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE 2007,

Barry R. Thomas

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY SERVED DEFENDANTS A COPY OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT BY FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL IN A PROPERLY ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH ADEQUATE POSTAGE.

THE INDIVIDUALS SERVED ARE: DR DARBOUZE, NURSE WELSON, WARDEN DAVENPORT ALL OF: EASTERLING CORR. FAC., 200 WALLACE DR., CLEO AL. 36017-2613

THIS 7 DAY OF ~~June~~ July 2007,

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